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MEMORANDUM

To : TCO/CIA - [redacted]
From : ACDA/WEC - [redacted] *[Signature]*
Through : State/INR/DDC - [redacted]
(COMIREX Representative)
Subject : Request for Reconnaissance Support

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The purpose of this correspondence is to request that [redacted] overhead reconnaissance support be provided on a periodic basis, over certain targets [redacted] beginning in the immediate future and extending to approximately the end of calendar year 1970, with the understanding that this support would be provided on a basis of non-interference with present intelligence priorities in the area.

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The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is currently planning field test FT-51 to be conducted [redacted]. The test concept concerns techniques of verification for an assumed treaty limiting the levels of deployed conventional forces in a given area. It is proposed to use some or all of the Seventh US Army units and those of the Seventeenth US Air Force as the forces to be verified.

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Past field tests of this type have concentrated their attention on the ability of an on site arms control inspection organization to determine treaty compliance without fully considering the very important role which unilateral intelligence and the intelligence community would play in verifying such a treaty. It is anticipated

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that, in Field Test 51, the contribution of these verification capabilities can be included.

Successful completion of such a test will, of course, require the cooperation of the intelligence community in guiding and participating in planning and test operations. To this end, preliminary briefings concerning this test have been held at various of the intelligence agencies (CIA, DIA and NSA). Discussions following these briefings have indicated that both the intelligence and arms control community would profit from this test, which would permit the exercise of both unilateral and on site inspection techniques against known ground truth. A program for participation in test planning is now being worked out.

The type of reconnaissance support being requested consists of periodic [REDACTED] coverage of specified targets beginning as soon as possible and extending to the beginning of field operations (approximately the end of calendar year 1970), to be conducted on a non-interference basis with respect to present intelligence priorities. This coverage will be used to build a geographic and information data base upon which subsequent field operations, including overhead reconnaissance, can be planned. The availability of past coverage of the area is also being explored, and, where found, may reduce the data base coverage requirement for certain targets.

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A target list based on an initial area study is enclosed as attachment 1. It is desired that "priority 1" targets, consisting of major air bases, ground force training/maneuver areas, kasernes containing major combat unit headquarters, and key supply and support bases, be covered first when practicable; "priority 2" targets comprise other combat and support bases on which coverage is desired. As detailed study of the area progresses, it may also be found desirable to shift targets from one priority category to another, or to replace targets now on the list with others not now designated.

I would greatly appreciate Comirex support in acquiring, on a non-interference basis, [REDACTED] coverage of the targets listed in the attachment.

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Attachment 1: As stated

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